

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A method for folding a moving nonwoven web having a first portion adjoining an adjacent second portion, comprising:

forming the nonwoven web on a collector in a forming zone;

moving the nonwoven web on the collector in a machine direction away from the forming zone;

applying a first negative pressure differential to the first portion of the nonwoven web; and

applying a positive pressure differential to a second portion of the nonwoven web thereby causing the second portion to fold toward the first portion about a fold line extending in the machine direction.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 17 further comprising:

applying ~~a second~~ the negative pressure differential to the first and second portion portions of the nonwoven web ~~downstream of the first negative pressure differential~~ after folding about the fold line.

20-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17 further comprising:

extending a continuous elastic member in the machine direction adjacent to the nonwoven web; and

securing the continuous elastic member in a space to be defined between the second portion and the first portion after folding about the fold line.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Original) The method of claim 17 further comprising:

contacting the second portion with an inclined ramp upstream of the positive pressure differential for moving the second portion relative to the first portion.

29. (Currently Amended) A method for folding a moving nonwoven web having a first portion adjoining an adjacent second portion, comprising:

forming the nonwoven web on a collector in a forming zone;

moving the nonwoven web on the collector in a machine direction away from the

forming zone;

applying a first negative pressure differential to the first portion and the second portion of the nonwoven web;

~~applying a second negative pressure differential to the first~~ removing the negative pressure differential from the second portion of the nonwoven web ~~downstream in the machine direction from the first negative pressure differential;~~ and

aspirating air through the second portion effective to fold the second portion toward the first portion about a fold line extending in the machine direction.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29 further comprising:

extending a continuous elastic member in the machine direction adjacent to the nonwoven web; and

securing the continuous elastic member in a space to be defined between the second portion and the first portion after folding about the fold line.

31-35. (Cancelled)